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立法动态 Legislation Updates

乌兹别克斯坦拟修订知识产权法 引入更严格执法措施打击侵权行为

乌兹别克斯坦立法院创新与信息技术委员会已开始审议加强知识产权保护的法律草案。该提案旨在针对侵犯版权、邻接权及工业产权的行为实施更严厉的执法措施，包括追究刑事责任。此次修订将涉及《刑法》《刑事诉讼法》《行政责任法》及《民法》等多部法典，以强化对知识产权相关精神权利和经济权利的保护。

根据现行法律，乌兹别克斯坦的知识产权侵权行为主要面临行政处罚，例如罚款和没收侵权商品。若一年内重复违法，罚款金额将升级，目前设定为 1125 万至 1875 万苏姆（按 2025 年 4 月 1 日汇率，约合 6480 - 10865 元人民币）。修正案特别针对非法生产、销售或传播专利发明和工业品外观设计的行为。个人罚款拟调整为 187.5 万至 375 万苏姆（约 1082 - 2150 元人民币），公职人员罚款则可能高达 375 万至 750 万苏姆（约 2150 - 4304 元人民币）。

此次法律修订表明乌兹别克斯坦致力于构建更安全、可预期的知识产权保护环境，有望增强企业和外国投资者的信心。强化处罚和刑事责任可能有效震慑知识产权盗窃行为，降低科技、制造和创意产业等领域创新主体及权利人的运营风险。对于外企而言，与国际知识产权标准接轨将简化市场准入流程，促进技术转让或合作。不过，更严格的执法也可能增加合规成本，尤其是对不熟悉严格知识产权规范的中小型企业。总体而言，若实施过程保持透明和连贯，这些改革将使乌兹别克斯坦成为创新密集型产业更具吸引力的投资目的地。

Uzbekistan Proposed IP Law Amendments, Introducing Stricter Enforcement to Combat IP Infringement

The Legislative Chamber's Committee on Innovative Development and Information Technologies in Uzbekistan has begun reviewing draft legislation to enhance intellectual property (IP) protections. The proposal seeks stricter enforcement measures, including criminal charges, for violations of copyright, related rights, and industrial property rights. Revisions would affect multiple legal codes—Criminal, Criminal Procedure, Administrative Liability, and Civil—to bolster protections for both moral and economic rights tied to IP.

Under existing laws, IP infringements in Uzbekistan primarily incur administrative

penalties, such as fines and confiscation of unauthorized goods. Repeat offenses within a year trigger escalated fines, currently set between 11.25 million and 18.75 million Uzbek soum (approx. \$892–\$1,496). The amendments specifically target illegal production, sale, or distribution of patented inventions and industrial designs. Proposed fines for individuals range from 1.875 million to 3.75 million soum (\$149–\$296), while penalties for officials could reach 3.75 million to 7.5 million soum (\$296–\$593).

The proposed amendments signal Uzbekistan’s commitment to creating a more secure and predictable IP environment, which could boost confidence among businesses and foreign investors. Strengthened penalties and criminal liability may deter IP theft, reducing risks for innovators and rights holders operating in sectors such as technology, manufacturing, and creative industries. For foreign firms, alignment with international IP standards could ease market entry and encourage technology transfers or partnerships. However, stricter enforcement may also increase compliance costs, particularly for SMEs unfamiliar with rigorous IP protocols. Overall, these reforms position Uzbekistan as a more attractive destination for investment in innovation-driven industries, provided implementation is transparent and consistent.

土耳其商标政策实施重大调整

2025 年 3 月 15 日，土耳其专利商标局（TÜRKPATENT）通过政府公报（编号：32842）正式发布商标制度重大改革方案，新规即日起生效。核心内容如下：

1. 商标申请/续展费用调整

新政规定，针对第 35 类尼斯分类第 5 组服务（如广告、商业管理等）的商标申请，若申请人同时指定第 1-34 类商品/服务，前 2 个类别免收附加费；从第 3 类起需额外缴纳附加费每类 300 里拉。

同时，商标续展费用规则更新：当续展商标类别超过 2 类时，第 3 类及后续类别需按每类 500 土耳其里拉补缴费用。

2. 商标撤销请求程序调整

撤销申请流程迎来重大变革。首先确立“单一性原则”，即每次撤销申请仅针对单一商标，即使商标权利人相同也需单独提交申请。

其次引入担保金制度（2025 年 3 月 15 日生效），撤销请求费用被分为两部分：固定撤销申请费（不可退还）和保证金（根据裁决结果处理）。保证金的处理规则如下：

- 撤销请求被完全驳回：保证金退还给商标权人；
- 撤销请求完全通过：保证金退还给撤销申请人；
- 部分通过：保证金由 TÜRKPATENT 保留，作为机构收入。

此机制有效过滤恶意申请，同时赋予商标权人答辩权及延期权。撤销申请内容不完整时，申请人有 1 个月补正期，逾期直接驳回。

撤销裁定遵循“个案原则”，不自动延伸至类似商品或服务。

Major Adjustments to Turkey's Trademark Policy Implemented

On March 15, 2025, the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT) officially published significant reforms to the trademark system through Government Gazettes No. 32842, effective immediately. Key updates are summarized below:

Trademark Application/Renewal Fee Adjustments

Under the new policy, for trademark applications in Nice Classification Class 35, Group 5 services (e.g., advertising, business management), applicants designating Classes 1-34 goods/services will be exempt from additional fees for the first two classes. An extra fee of 300 lira per class applies from the third class onward.

Renewal fee rules are revised: When renewing trademarks covering more than two classes, a supplementary fee of 500 lira per class is required for the third class and subsequent classes.

Revisions to Trademark Cancellation Procedures

The cancellation process undergoes transformative changes:

1. **Single Application Principle:** Each cancellation request must target a single trademark registration. Even for identical registrants, separate applications are required.

2. **Security Deposit System (effective March 15, 2025):**

Cancellation fees now comprise two parts: a non-refundable fixed filing fee and a refundable security deposit (handled based on adjudication outcomes). Deposit disposition rules:

Full dismissal of cancellation: Deposit refunded to the trademark owner.

Full approval of cancellation: Deposit refunded to the applicant.

Partial approval: Deposit retained by TÜRKPATENT as institutional revenue.

This mechanism deters malicious filings while granting trademark owners the right to defense and request extensions. Incomplete cancellation requests allow a one-month correction window; failure to comply results in automatic rejection.

3. **Case-by-Case Principle:** Cancellation rulings do not automatically extend to similar goods/services.

美国专利商标局 (USPTO) 更新《AIA¹ 授权后程序中自由裁量驳回指引》

2025 年 3 月 24 日，美国专利商标局 (USPTO) 发布更新版指引备忘录，正式废止《涉及平行地区法院诉讼的 AIA 授权后程序自由裁量驳回临时程序》。该更新版指引可通过专利审判与上诉委员会 (PTAB) 资源页面查阅，其中详细说明了专利审判与上诉委员会 (PTAB) 在处理双方复审 (IPR) 和授权后复审 (PGR) 程序中的自由裁量驳回规则重大调整，尤其是当存在平行地区法院诉讼时的操作规范。

指引备忘录核心更新内容

USPTO 引入了双重决策机制，用于判断是否启动 AIA 程序。首先，USPTO 局长将至少与三名 PTAB 法官协商，评估是否适宜行使自由裁量权驳回申请。此阶段将重点考量先前裁决、法律变更、不可专利性挑战的充分性，以及经济或公共健康利益等因素。

若认定不宜驳回申请，案件将移交由三名成员组成的 PTAB 小组。该小组将基于案件实质内容及其他非自由裁量的法定要素作出启动决定。此两步流程旨在明确区分自由裁量与法定审查要素，使 PTAB 小组能更专注地审查案件实质问题。

此外，USPTO 还制定了当事人提交书状的时限规则。专利权人可在 PTAB 发布受理通知书之日起两个月内提交说明驳回理由的书状。申请方则须在专利权人提交书状后一个月内提交反对意见书。确有正当理由时可申请补充提交，初始自由裁量驳回书状字数限 14,000 字，答复书状限 5,600 字。这些规则提升了提交程序的效率与透明度，确保所有相关考量均得到充分阐述。

结语

USPTO 对临时程序的改进，标志着提升 AIA 程序效率与一致性的重大进展。通过引入双重决策机制与明确的提交规范，USPTO 旨在减少案件积压、提高 PTAB 运行效率，并推动更及时、一致的专利裁决。尽管这些调整可能需要从业者及申请人进行相应调适，但长期来看，简化且可预期的专利诉讼流程所带来的益处，预计将超过短期挑战。随着 USPTO 持续优化其程序，各利益相关方需保持信息更新，并相应调整策略，以应对不断演变的制度环境。

¹ AIA: 《美国发明法案》(America Invents Act)

USPTO Updates Guidance on Discretionary Denials in AIA² Post-Grant Proceedings

On March 24, 2025, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) published an updated Guidance memorandum on its rescission of the “Interim Procedure for Discretionary Denials in AIA Post-Grant Proceedings with Parallel District Court Litigation.” This update, available on the PTAB resources page, outlines significant changes to how the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) will handle discretionary denials in Inter Partes Review (IPR) and Post-Grant Review (PGR) proceedings, particularly when parallel district court litigation is ongoing.

Key Updates to the Guidance Memorandum

The USPTO has introduced a bifurcated decision-making process for determining whether to institute AIA proceedings. Initially, the Director of the USPTO, in consultation with at least three Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) judges, will assess whether discretionary denial of institution is appropriate. This step focuses on factors such as prior adjudications, changes in law, the strength of unpatentability challenges, and economic or public health interests.

If discretionary denial is deemed inappropriate, the case will be referred to a three-member PTAB panel. This panel will then decide on institution based on the merits of the case and other non-discretionary statutory considerations. This two-step process aims to clearly separate discretionary and non-discretionary factors, allowing for a more focused review of the case's merits by the PTAB panel.

Additionally, the USPTO has established guidelines for parties to submit briefs within defined timelines. The patent owner may file a brief explaining any bases for discretionary denial within two months of the PTAB entering a Notice of Filing Date Accorded to a petition. The petitioner may then file an opposition brief within one month after the patent owner's brief. Further briefing may be permitted for good cause, with word limits of 14,000 words for the initial discretionary denial briefing and 5,600 words for a reply brief. These guidelines promote efficiency and clarity in submissions, ensuring all relevant considerations are addressed.

Conclusion

² AIA: the short version of America Invents Act.

The USPTO's interim process improvements represent a significant step forward in enhancing the efficiency and consistency of AIA proceedings. By introducing a bifurcated decision-making process and clear submission guidelines, the USPTO aims to reduce backlogs, improve PTAB efficiency, and promote more timely and consistent patent decisions. While these changes may require adjustments from practitioners and applicants alike, the long-term benefits of a more streamlined and predictable patent litigation process are likely to outweigh the short-term challenges. As the USPTO continues to refine its processes, it will be important for stakeholders to stay informed and adapt their strategies accordingly to navigate this evolving landscape.

阿联酋推出绿色知识产权战略 加速可持续创新并优化专利流程

阿联酋政府日前公布了一项全面战略，旨在强化可持续创新领域的知识产权（IP）保护并简化专利注册流程，以助力国家向循环经济转型。该战略的核心是“绿色知识产权路线图”，旨在通过推动环保技术发展，提升阿联酋在可持续驱动领域的全球竞争力。具体举措包括：

加速专利注册

- 启动环境可持续性、绿色能源和循环经济技术专利的快速审批通道，将审批周期从 42 个月缩短至 6 个月。
- 到 2026 年，将环保专利占全国申请量的比例从当前水平提升至 8%。

强化法律框架

- 加强可再生能源（太阳能、风能、海洋能）和水资源可持续利用领域的创新法律保障，保护发明者权益并激励长期研发投入。

能力建设与合作

- 与高校、研究机构和中小企业合作，支持清洁能源和资源效率等重点领域的创新生态系统。
- 对 21 岁以下专利申请者免除费用，并为学生群体提供折扣，鼓励青年参与知识产权创造。

专利蜂巢计划

- 通过简化流程、降低成本和开展宣传活动，配套推进年度专利注册量从 4481 项翻倍至 2026 年的 6000 项。

教育培训

- 与世界知识产权组织（WIPO）合作开展研讨会和技术指导，提升研究人员、企业家和公共部门的产权保护意识。

上述措施旨在通过技术进步应对环境挑战，巩固阿联酋在全球创新指数中的领先地位，同时塑造其可持续创新领域领导者的国际形象。

UAE Launches Green IP Strategy to Accelerate Sustainable Innovation and Streamline Patent Processes

The UAE government has unveiled a comprehensive strategy to bolster intellectual property (IP) protections for sustainable innovations and streamline patent registration

processes, aligning with the nation's circular economy transition goals. Central to this initiative is the **Green Intellectual Property Roadmap**, designed to foster eco-friendly technological advancements while enhancing the UAE's global competitiveness in sustainability-driven sectors. Key objectives include:

1. Accelerated Patent Registration:

- Launching a fast-track program for patents related to environmental sustainability, green energy, and circular economy technologies, reducing approval timelines from 42 months to 6 months.
- Increasing the share of eco-friendly patents to 8% of all national filings by 2026, up from current levels.

2. Legal Framework Strengthening:

- Enhancing legal safeguards for innovations in renewable energy (solar, wind, ocean energy) and water sustainability to protect inventors' rights and incentivize long-term R&D investments.

3. Capacity Building and Collaboration:

- Partnering with universities, research institutions, and SMEs to support innovation ecosystems, particularly in priority sectors like clean energy and resource efficiency.
- Offering fee waivers for patent applicants under 21 and discounted rates for students to encourage youth participation in IP creation.

4. Patent Hive Initiative:

- A parallel program aimed at doubling annual patent registrations from 4,481 to 6,000 by 2026 through simplified processes, reduced costs, and awareness campaigns.

5. Education and Training:

- Collaborating with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to deliver workshops and technical guidance, elevating IP literacy among researchers, entrepreneurs, and the public sector.

These measures collectively aim to position the UAE as a leader in sustainable innovation, reinforcing its ranking in the Global Innovation Index while addressing environmental challenges through technological progress.

美国专利商标局将从 2025 年 4 月 17 日起暂停外观设计申请的快速审查

2025 年 4 月 14 日，美国专利商标局（USPTO）宣布自 2025 年 4 月 17 日起暂停设计专利的加速审查程序，以打击欺诈行为并减少未审查设计专利的积压量和库存。

USPTO 表示，近年来设计专利加速审查的请求激增 560%，主要原因之一是欺诈性申请的增加。

此次暂停措施还将支持 USPTO 解决微实体认证错误的问题，并进一步推进其保护知识产权系统免受威胁的全局性努力。

自生效日起提交的任何设计专利加速审查请求（包括重新提交的请求）均不予批准。USPTO 将退还自生效日起提交的相关申请费用。

USPTO Will Suspend Expedited Examination of Design Applications from April 17, 2025

On April 14, 2025, USPTO announced to suspend expedited examination of design applications effective April 17, 2025, to combat fraud and to reduce pendency and inventory of unexamined design applications.

According to USPTO, requests for expedited examination of design applications have surged by 560% in recent years, caused in large part by fraudulent applications.

The suspension will also support the USPTO's efforts to address the issue of erroneous micro entity certifications, as well as the USPTO's broader efforts to mitigate and protect against threats to the intellectual property system.

Any request for expedited examination of a design application, including renewed requests, filed on or after the effective date will not be granted. The USPTO will refund the fee associated with any request filed on or after the effective date.

巴西新贸易法引入知识产权反制条款

巴西于 2025 年 4 月 11 日通过第 15,122 号《贸易互惠法》，正式确立针对他国单边保护主义措施的反制框架，其中涉及知识产权条款的调整引发行业关注。

新法授权巴西政府可对三类行为采取反制措施：他国实施或威胁实施单方面贸易、金融或投资限制；未履行国际协议中对巴方的贸易承诺；或单方面设置超出巴西环境标准的贸易壁垒。反制方式涵盖进口限制、贸易优惠暂停，以及颇具争议的知识产权权利中止条款。

根据法律文本，对外国企业知识产权的暂停措施被严格限定为"例外性手段"，仅在常规反制措施不足以应对敌对政策时方可启用，且需遵循巴西国内法及 WTO《与贸易有关的知识产权协定》（TRIPS）规定的程序。

目前，巴西政府尚未公布具体触发反制措施的标准细则，但明确任何知识产权相关举措均需通过司法审查，并接受 WTO 框架约束。

Brazil Enacts New Trade Law with IP Retaliation Clause

Brazil formally established a retaliatory framework against unilateral protectionist measures through the enactment of Law No. 15,122, the Trade Reciprocity Act, on April 11, 2025. Adjustments to intellectual property (IP) provisions within the legislation have drawn industry attention.

The law empowers the Brazilian government to take retaliatory actions against three categories of conduct: unilateral trade, financial, or investment restrictions implemented or threatened by foreign nations; non-compliance with trade commitments owed to Brazil under international agreements; or unilateral imposition of environmental barriers exceeding Brazilian standards. Available countermeasures include import restrictions, suspension of trade and investment concessions, and the controversial suspension of IP rights for foreign entities.

The law strictly limits IP suspension measures to "subsidiary instruments" that may only be activated when conventional retaliatory actions prove insufficient to address hostile policies, subject to compliance with Brazilian domestic legislation and procedures outlined in the WTO's Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement.

Specific criteria for triggering retaliatory measures remain undefined, though authorities have clarified that any IP-related actions would require judicial review and adherence to WTO

frameworks.

美国专利商标局将于 2025 年 5 月 13 日起加快专利授权流程

自 2025 年 5 月 13 日起，美国专利商标局（USPTO）将实施专利颁发流程提速措施。此前，从"颁发通知"（Issue Notification）到正式"颁发日"（Issue Date）的平均间隔约为三周。新规实施后，该周期将缩短至两周左右，使专利权人能更快实现技术成果商业化。

此次提速得益于流程优化措施，包括通过"专利中心"（Patent Center）平台推行电子专利证书（eGrants），以及精简冗余的审查步骤。

流程加速还为申请人带来额外便利：可能减少提交"快速通道信息揭露声明"（QPIDS）的需求，同时使发明成果更早获得法律保护。

根据 [《专利审查程序手册》（MPEP）](#) 第 211.01(b) 条第一项规定，涉及延续申请（continuing applications）的案例需在缴纳颁发费前提交申请，以保持申请关联性。需要注意的是，未注册["电子审查意见书"（e-Office Action）服务](#)的申请人，其专利可能在收到颁发通知前即完成颁发。

USPTO to Expedite Patent Issuance Starting May 13, 2025

Beginning May 13, 2025, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will implement faster processing for patent issuance. Previously, the period between an Issue Notification and the official Issue Date averaged about three weeks. Under the new timeline, this interval will be reduced to approximately two weeks, enabling patent holders to commercialize their innovations sooner.

This acceleration is made possible through streamlined procedures, including the adoption of electronic grants (eGrants) via the Patent Center platform and the elimination of redundant steps in the issuance process.

The shortened timeline offers additional benefits, such as potentially reducing the need for applicants to file a Quick Path Information Disclosure Statement (QPIDS). Moreover, earlier patent issuance ensures prompt legal protection for inventions.

For continuing applications, applicants should file before paying the issue fee to maintain copendency, as outlined in the [Manual of Patent Examining Procedure \(MPEP\) § 211.01\(b\)](#), subsection I. Note that patents may issue before the receipt of an Issue Notification for applicants who opt out of the [e-Office Action program](#).

美国专利商标局成立专项工作组打击专利欺诈

美国专利商标局 (USPTO) 近日宣布成立专项工作组“专利欺诈检测与应对工作组”，旨在应对可能威胁美国专利体系完整性的新型风险。该举措通过强化对专利申请及复审程序中不当行为的监管，致力于提升审查效率并维护制度公信力。

工作组的核心任务包括：

- 纠正小微实体在费用申报中的不实陈述；
- 监测异常专利申请行为；
- 调查潜在虚假陈述（如伪造签名）并酌情实施行政制裁。

此外，USPTO 同步推出集中化[在线平台](#)，向公众披露专利申请与复审中的潜在风险动态，并计划定期公开执法行动的匿名化数据以增强透明度。

USPTO Establishes Task Force to Combat Patent Fraud

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has formed a specialized working group to address emerging risks to the integrity of the nation's patent system. Named the **Patent Fraud Detection and Mitigation Working Group**, the initiative aims to reinforce existing measures against improper conduct in patent applications and reexamination processes while streamlining procedural efficiency.

Key priorities for the group include:

- Resolving inaccuracies in fee certifications by micro and small entities,
- Scrutinizing irregular filing patterns,
- Investigating potential misrepresentation cases—such as falsified signatures—and applying administrative sanctions when warranted.

Concurrently, the USPTO unveiled a centralized [online resource](#) to publicly track emerging vulnerabilities in patent filings and reexaminations. The agency also plans to disclose anonymized data on its enforcement activities to enhance transparency.

英国知识产权局公布重大改革 推动商标和设计服务现代化

英国知识产权局（IPO）发布了其数字化转型第二阶段咨询的政府回应，标志着全面改革知识产权服务以满足不断变化的商业需求迈出关键一步。此次改革旨在简化流程、提高透明度，并为创新者和创作者提供更大价值。

宣布的主要改革措施

1. 在线获取商标和设计文件

通过新的“**One IPO Search**”（统一 IPO 检索）工具，商标和设计文件（包括审查报告）将首次向公众在线公开。此前该举措已在专利领域实施。此举将提升信息可及性，同时允许申请人对敏感信息申请保密。设计文件查阅规则也将更新，以加快公开进程。

2. 简化商标申请流程

IPO 将停止为新申请人提供“系列商标”服务，原因是用户易混淆且该服务法律价值有限。2022 年，39% 的系列商标申请因不符合要求被驳回，导致申请人承担不必要的成本。现有系列商标仍有效，但新数字商标平台上线后，该服务将终止。

3. 知识产权争议调解试点

自 2025 年夏季起，IPO 法庭将对无法律代理方的争议试行调解会议。这一经济高效的替代方案旨在比传统诉讼更快解决纠纷。

4. 统一缴费期限

补充保护证书（SPCs）的费用支付期限将延长，以与其他知识产权权利保持一致，简化用户流程。

5. 减少专利发明人地址披露

为保护个人数据，IPO 将收集并发布更简略的专利发明人地址信息，采取更合理的隐私保护措施。

实施时间表

- 2025 年 1 月推出的“**One IPO Search**”工具已支持超过 1 万次专利检索，商标和设计功能将于后续添加。
- 涉及 65 名外部用户的数字专利服务试点将于 2025 年秋季全面上线。
- 商标、设计及法庭服务的更新开发计划于 2025 年秋季启动。

背景

此次咨询于 2023 年 8 月至 10 月进行，汇集了知识产权律师、企业及法律专业人士的意见，并以 IPO 首阶段专利服务数字化转型为基础。

补充说明

- IPO 保密规则变更后，设计文件将默认实时公开，除非申请人提交保密请求。
- 现有系列商标不受影响，服务终止仅适用于新数字平台上线后的新申请。
- 专利发明人地址信息将不再包含完整街道地址。

此次改革彰显了英国通过现代化、以用户为中心的知识产权服务推动创新的承诺。

UK Intellectual Property Office Unveils Major Reforms to Modernize Trademark and Design Services

The UK Intellectual Property Office (IPO) has published its government response to the second phase of its digital transformation consultation, marking a pivotal step in overhauling IP services to align with evolving business needs. The reforms aim to streamline processes, enhance transparency, and deliver greater value for innovators and creators.

Key Reforms Announced

1. Online Access to Trademark and Design Documents

For the first time, trademark and design documents—including examination reports—will be made publicly available online through the new *One IPO Search* tool. This initiative, already in place for patents, will improve accessibility while allowing applicants to request confidentiality for sensitive information. Rules governing design document inspections will also be updated to expedite public availability.

2. Simplified Trademark Applications

The IPO will discontinue its "series marks" service for new applicants, citing confusion among users and limited legal value. In 2022, 39% of series mark applications were rejected for non-compliance, often leading to unnecessary costs. Existing series marks remain valid, but the service will cease upon the launch of the new digital trademarks platform.

3. Mediation Trials for IP Disputes

Starting summer 2025, the IPO Tribunal will trial mediation meetings for disputes

involving unrepresented parties. This cost-effective alternative aims to resolve conflicts faster than traditional legal proceedings.

4. Extended Payment Periods

Fee payment deadlines for Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs) will be extended to align with other IP rights, simplifying processes for users.

5. Reduced Patent Inventor Address Disclosure

To protect personal data, the IPO will collect and publish less specific address details for patent inventors, adopting a more proportionate approach to privacy.

Implementation Timeline

- The new *One IPO Search* tool, launched in January 2025, has already facilitated over 10,000 patent searches. Trademark and design functionalities will be added later.
- The digital patents service pilot, involving 65 external users, will fully launch in autumn 2025.
- Trademark, design, and tribunal service updates are slated to begin development this autumn.

Background

The consultation, conducted from August to October 2023, gathered input from IP attorneys, businesses, and legal professionals. It builds on the IPO's first transformation phase, which focused on digital patent services.

Notes:

- The IPO's confidentiality rule changes will allow real-time public access to design documents unless a confidentiality request is filed.
- Existing series marks remain unaffected; the discontinuation applies only to new applications post-digital service launch.
- Address details for patent inventors will no longer include full street addresses.

This reform underscores the UK's commitment to fostering innovation through modern, user-centric IP services.

韩国专利审判院推出专利无效审判制度改革，强化专利可靠性

2025 年 4 月 21 日，韩国专利厅（KIPO）下属的专利审判院（IPTAB）宣布，为提升专利权的可靠性与稳定性，将推进专利无效审判制度的多项改革措施。此次改革重点包括引入“无效审决预告制度”、强化请求人的举证责任，以及优化权利要求解释程序。

核心改革内容

1. 无效审决预告制度

若审判院初步认定无效请求成立，将在正式裁决前向专利权人发出预告通知，赋予其通过修改权利要求（如缩小保护范围）以维持专利有效性的机会。此举旨在减少直接无效专利的情况，保障专利权人的修正权利。

2. 强化请求人的举证与程序要求

无效请求人需提交更具体、明确的证据，并严格遵守证据提交期限（“适时提交原则”）。同时，审判院将通过提前梳理争议焦点、优化口头审理流程，确保双方充分陈述主张。

3. 权利要求解释程序强化

请求人需在早期阶段阐明对权利要求解释的立场。若双方存在分歧，审判院将允许补充意见或证据，以减少解释模糊性，提升审判一致性。

South Korea's IPTAB Advances Reforms to Strengthen Patent Reliability Through Invalidation Trial System Improvements

On April 21, 2025, the Intellectual Property Trial and Appeal Board (IPTAB) under the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) announced reforms to its patent invalidation trial procedures, aimed at enhancing the reliability and stability of patent rights. Key measures include the introduction of an "Advance Notice of Invalidation Decision" system, stricter evidentiary requirements for petitioners, and strengthened claim interpretation procedures.

Core Reforms

1. Advance Notice of Invalidation Decision

If the IPTAB preliminarily determines that an invalidation petition is valid, it will issue an advance notice to the patentee prior to finalizing the decision. This allows the patentee to amend claims (e.g., narrowing the scope) to preserve the patent's validity. The measure aims to reduce abrupt patent invalidations and safeguard the patentee's

right to correction.

2. Stricter Evidentiary and Procedural Requirements for Petitioners

Invalidation petitioners must submit more specific and detailed evidence, adhere strictly to submission deadlines (the "timely submission principle"), and clarify disputed issues early in the process. Oral proceedings will also be streamlined to ensure both parties fully present their arguments.

3. Strengthened Claim Interpretation Procedures

Petitioners are required to state their positions on claim interpretation at an early stage. If disagreements arise, the IPTAB will permit supplementary arguments or evidence to reduce ambiguity and improve decision consistency.

菲律宾知识产权局发布新规，完善著名商标注册与保护机制

2025 年 4 月 5 日，菲律宾知识产权局（IPOPHL）颁布《2025-009 号备忘录通告》，正式推出《著名商标声明及注册簿创建规则与条例》（以下简称“新规”），旨在简化著名商标认定程序、强化商标保护力度，并建立统一的“著名商标注册簿”。新规于 2025 年 4 月 28 日正式生效。

核心内容：明确著名商标认定标准与流程

新规依据《巴黎公约》《TRIPS 协定》及菲律宾《知识产权法典》制定，主要涵盖以下要点：

1. 申请资格与材料要求

- 申请人可为自然人或法人，需提交经公证的申请书，并附商标图样、商品/服务分类（按尼斯分类）、使用证据（如市场占有率、广告投入、国际注册情况等）及费用缴纳证明。
- 特别要求：若商标涉及三维标志、集体商标或证明商标，需明确标注；申请时需声明是否存在与商标相关的未决法律案件。

2. 单方审查程序

- 申请提交后，由商标审查员进行单方审查（无对抗方），必要时要求补充材料。申请人需在审查意见发出后 2 个月内回应，逾期未完成将视为放弃（可申请恢复，但仅限一次）。
- 审查通过后，商标局局长将决定是否授予“著名商标”声明，并通过电子公报（E-Gazette）公示。

3. 第三方异议机制

- 公示后 1 个月内，利益相关方可提交“第三方观察意见”并支付费用（15,000 比索），需附书面证据。申请人有权在 1 个月内回应，最终由商标局咨询委员会审议决定。

4. 声明效力与续期要求

- 著名商标声明有效期为 10 年，可无限续期。续期需在第五周年及后续每 10 年提交持续使用证明（如销售单据、广告材料）及商标声誉证据（如注册证书、财务报表）。
- 未按时续期或未提交使用证明的，声明将被自动撤销。

5. 过渡条款与既有商标处理

○ 此前已被其他权威机构（如法院）认定为著名商标的，需在规则生效后 5 年内提交“备案声明”及使用证明，否则不予录入注册簿。

费用标准透明化

新规同步公布收费标准，具体如下所示：

费用类型	金额（菲律宾比索）
申请费	
- 首类申请费	50,000.00
- 附加类费用（每增加一类）	10,000.00
既有著名商标备案费（每类） ¹	5,000.00
延长回应期限申请费	1,500.00
恢复被放弃申请费	1,200.00
向总局长提出上诉费	5,500.00
提交第三方观察意见或异议费	15,000.00
延长提交第三方观察意见期限申请费	4,000.00
证书颁发费	5,000.00
续期费（每类）	10,000.00
提交实际使用声明费（每类）	5,000.00
撤销著名商标声明申请费	20,000.00

IPOPHL Issues New Rules to Enhance Registration and Protection of Well-Known Marks

On April 5, 2025, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) has promulgated *Memorandum Circular No. 2025-009*, introducing the *Rules and Regulations for the Declaration and Creation of the Register of Well-Known Marks* (hereafter "the New Rules"). Aimed at streamlining the recognition process for well-known trademarks, strengthening protection, and establishing a unified "Register of Well-Known Marks," the New Rules will take effect on **April 28, 2025**.

Key Highlights: Clear Criteria and Procedures for Declaring Well-Known Marks

Aligned with the *Paris Convention*, the *TRIPS Agreement*, and the *Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines*, the New Rules include the following provisions:

1. Eligibility and Documentation Requirements

- Applicants (natural or juridical persons) must submit a notarized application accompanied by:

- Trademark representation, goods/services classification (under the Nice Classification), evidence of use (e.g., market share, advertising investments, international registrations), and proof of fee payment.

- Special requirements: Indicate if the mark is a 3D, collective, or certification mark; disclose pending legal cases involving the trademark.

2. Ex Parte Examination Process

- Applications undergo review by trademark examiners *ex parte* (without adversarial parties). Applicants must respond to office actions within **2 months**, or the application is deemed abandoned (revival permitted once).

- Upon approval, the Director of Trademarks issues a declaration of "Well-Known Mark," published in the *E-Gazette*.

3. Third-Party Opposition Mechanism

- Within **1 month** of publication, interested parties may file a "Notice of Third-Party Observation" (fee: Php 15,000) with supporting evidence. Applicants may respond within 1 month, and final decisions rest with a Trademark Bureau consultative committee.

4. Validity and Renewal Requirements

- Declarations are valid for **10 years**, renewable indefinitely. Renewals require submission of proof of continuous use (e.g., sales records, advertisements) and reputation evidence (e.g., registration certificates, financial statements) at the **5th anniversary** and every subsequent 10 years.

- Failure to renew or submit proof results in automatic revocation.

5. Transitional Provisions for Existing Marks

- Marks previously declared well-known by competent authorities (e.g., courts) must file a "Manifestation" and proof of use within **5 years** of the Rules' effectivity, or risk exclusion from the Register.

Transparent Fee Schedule

The New Rules outline the following fees:

<i>Type of Fee</i>	Amount (PHP)
<i>Application Fee</i>	
- <i>First class</i>	50,000.00
- <i>Each additional class</i>	10,000.00
<i>Recordation of Previously Declared Marks (per class)¹</i>	5,000.00
<i>Extension of Response Deadline</i>	1,500.00
<i>Revival of Abandoned Application</i>	1,200.00
<i>Appeal to the Director General</i>	5,500.00
<i>Third-Party Observation/Opposition Filing</i>	15,000.00
<i>Extension for Third-Party Observation</i>	4,000.00
<i>Certificate Issuance</i>	5,000.00
<i>Renewal Fee (per class)</i>	10,000.00
<i>Declaration of Actual Use (per class)</i>	5,000.00
<i>Petition for Revocation</i>	20,000.00

国际合作 International Cooperation

中国国家知识产权局与匈牙利知识产权局启动“中匈联络员机制”试点项目

为了更好地服务中匈经贸交往,协助解决两国企业用户在对方国家知识产权方面的问题及关切,中国国家知识产权局与匈牙利知识产权局经磋商一致,决定联合开展“中匈联络员机制”试点项目。

中匈两局将各自指定一名知识产权联络员,分别就中国企业在匈和匈牙利企业在华开展业务所涉及的知识产权问题提供咨询服务,为两国企业获得有效的知识产权保护提供支持。

项目运行期间,中国企业如有相关咨询问题,可联系中国国家知识产权局知识产权联络员,联系方式如下:

联络员: 赵清

邮箱: ip_support@cnipa.gov.cn

匈牙利企业如有相关咨询问题,可联系匈牙利知识产权联络员,联系方式如下:

联络员: Ms. Zsuzsanna Várfalviné Tari

邮箱: zsuzsanna.tari@hipo.gov.hu

“中匈联络员机制”试点项目为期1年,自2025年4月1日至2026年3月31日。

China's CNIPA and Hungary's HIPO Launch "Sino-Hungarian IP Liaison Officer Mechanism" Pilot Program

To better serve Sino-Hungarian economic and trade exchanges and assist in resolving IP-related issues and concerns of enterprises from both countries operating in each other's markets, the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) have reached consensus through consultations to jointly launch a pilot program for the "Sino-Hungarian IP Liaison Officer Mechanism."

Both CNIPA and HIPO will designate an IP liaison officer to provide advisory services on IP matters encountered by Chinese enterprises in Hungary and Hungarian enterprises in China, offering support for effective IP protection to businesses from both nations.

During the program's operation, Chinese enterprises with relevant inquiries may contact

CNIPA's IP liaison officer using the following details:

Liaison Officer: Zhao Qing

Email: ip_support@cnipa.gov.cn

Hungarian enterprises with relevant inquiries may contact HIPO's IP liaison officer using the following details:

Liaison Officer: Ms. Zsuzsanna Várfalviné Tari

Email: zsuzsanna.tari@hipo.gov.hu

The pilot program for the "Sino-Hungarian IP Liaison Officer Mechanism" will run for one year, from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.

欧盟调整海牙体系下的单独指定费用

欧盟委员会宣布对海牙国际注册体系中涉及欧盟的单独指定费用进行调整,新收费标准将于 **2025 年 5 月 19 日** 起正式实施。

通过海牙体系提交国际申请时,针对欧盟的指定费用调整如下:

- 国际申请阶段: 每项设计 59 瑞士法郎 (维持不变);
- 续展阶段: 每项设计 59 瑞士法郎 (此前为 30 瑞士法郎)。

The European Union Modifies Its Individual Designation Fees under Hague System

The European Commission has announced modifications to the individual designation fees for the European Union under the Hague System. These changes will take effect on May 19, 2025.

When designating the European Union in an international application, the individual designation fees will be adjusted as follows:

- International application: 59 Swiss francs per design (unchanged).
- Renewal: 59 Swiss francs per design (previously 30 Swiss francs).

中国国家知识产权局与阿塞拜疆知识产权局签署谅解备忘录

4月23日上午，在国家主席习近平和阿塞拜疆总统阿利耶夫的共同见证下，《中华人民共和国国家知识产权局与阿塞拜疆共和国知识产权局谅解备忘录》在北京人民大会堂签署。中国国家知识产权局局长申长雨与阿塞拜疆外长杰伊洪·巴伊拉莫夫分别代表两国主管部门签字。

中阿双方同意，加强在专利、工业品外观设计、商标和地理标志等知识产权领域的交流与合作，促进两国科技、贸易和社会经济发展。

Memorandum of Understanding Signed Between China National Intellectual Property Administration and Azerbaijan Intellectual Property Agency

4月23日上午，在国家主席习近平和阿塞拜疆总统阿利耶夫的共同见证下，《中华人民共和国国家知识产权局与阿塞拜疆共和国知识产权局谅解备忘录》在北京人民大会堂签署。中国国家知识产权局局长申长雨与阿塞拜疆外长杰伊洪·巴伊拉莫夫分别代表两国主管部门签字。

中阿双方同意，加强在专利、工业品外观设计、商标和地理标志等知识产权领域的交流与合作，促进两国科技、贸易和社会经济发展。

知识产权统计简报

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统计快报

2025 年 1-3 月知识产权主要统计数据快报

一、专利

2025 年 1-3 月，我国发明专利授权量为 19.9 万件，实用新型专利授权量为 40.8 万件，外观设计专利授权量为 16.1 万件。

截至 3 月底，我国发明专利有效量为 582.4 万件。其中，国内（不含港澳台）发明专利有效量 481.8 万件。实用新型专利有效量为 1178.0 万件。外观设计专利有效量为 311.5 万件。

1-3 月，我局受理 PCT 国际专利申请 1.6 万件。其中，国内申请人提交 1.5 万件。

1-2 月，中国申请人共提交外观设计国际申请 362 件¹。

二、商标

1-3 月，我国商标申请量为 156.1 万件；商标注册量为 110.1 万件。截至 3 月，有效注册商标 5045.1 万件。

¹ 数据来源：世界知识产权组织数据中心网站，查询时间 2025 年 4 月 3 日。

1-3 月，我局收到中国申请人马德里商标国际注册申请 1521 件。

三、地理标志、集成电路布图设计

1-3 月，我局认定地理标志产品 3 个，核准地理标志作为集体商标、证明商标注册 13 件，核准使用地理标志专用标志经营主体 2051 家。截至 3 月，累计认定地理标志产品 2547 个，累计核准地理标志作为集体商标、证明商标注册 7415 件，核准使用地理标志专用标志经营主体 34100 家。

1-3 月，我国集成电路布图设计登记申请 2107 件；发证 2257 件。

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IP Statistical Bulletin for January-March 2025 from CNIPA

I. Patents

From January to March 2025, China granted 199,000 invention patents, 408,000 utility model patents, and 161,000 design patents.

By the end of March, the total number of valid invention patents in China reached 5.824 million. Among these, 4.818 million were domestic invention patents (excluding Hong Kong,

Macao, and Taiwan). Valid utility model patents totaled 11.780 million, and valid design patents stood at 3.115 million.

During January-March, CNIPA received 16,000 PCT international patent applications, including 15,000 filed by domestic applicants.

From January to February, Chinese applicants submitted 362 international design applications³.

II. Trademarks

From January to March, China saw 1.561 million trademark applications and 1.101 million trademark registrations. By the end of March, the total number of valid registered trademarks reached 50.451 million.

During the same period, our office received 1,521 Madrid international trademark registration applications from Chinese applicants.

III. Geographical Indications (GIs) and Integrated Circuit Layout Designs

From January to March, CNIPA certified 3 geographical indication products, approved 13 geographical indications as collective or certification trademarks, and certified 2,051 business entities to use geographical indication special signs. As of March, China has cumulatively recognized 2,547 geographical indication products, approved 7,415 geographical indications as collective or certification trademarks, and certified 34,100 business entities to use geographical indication special signs.

During January-March, China received 2,107 integrated circuit layout design registration applications and issued 2,257 certificates.

³ Source: WIPO Data Center website, accessed April 3, 2025.

欧盟知识产权局紧急警告：警惕冒充官员的欺诈邮件

欧盟知识产权局（EUIPO）近日向用户及商标权利人发出紧急警告，称目前有大量冒充该机构高层的欺诈邮件正在传播。这些邮件伪造 EUIPO 执行主任及财务总监签名，要求收件人以比特币支付虚构的“注册费用”。

Dear Sir/Madam,

On [REDACTED] with application number [REDACTED], you submitted an application for your Community Trade Mark to the EUIPO – European Union Intellectual Property Office for legal protection within the European Union for the European Community Trade Mark:

[REDACTED]

In accordance with the new Industrial Property Code, transposing Directives (EU) 2015/2436 and (EU) 2016/943, all EUIPO Community Trade Marks registered within the European Union are required to be listed in the European Trade Mark Register, TMDN.org, which is managed by the EUIPO – European Union Intellectual Property Office (www.euiipo.europa.eu). The aforementioned EUIPO Community Trade Mark application was successfully registered on TMDN.org on [REDACTED]

The conditions for the legal protection of your EUIPO European Community Trade Mark application remain unchanged. Furthermore, the mandatory registration in the TMDN.org register does not require any action from the Community Trade Mark application owner.

However, please note that this Community Trade Mark application registration requires a payment of **EUR 1,970.00**, payable to the EUIPO – European Union Intellectual Property Office.

Failure to pay the fee may result in the loss of the rights associated with your Community Trade Mark application.

Payment method

Please note that the payment must be completed within 10 days.

In accordance with Decision No EX-21-5 of the Executive Director of the Office, dated 21/07/2024, regarding the payment method for fees and charges, it has been decided that the only accepted payment method will be cryptocurrency specifically **Bitcoin**

The application fee of **EUR 1,970.00** will be converted to **Bitcoin** at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of payment.

Bitcoin Wallet Address: bc1qh53wxnmzpdjgd6976sk2gkhvafft3velz0jevs
Registration Fee: EUR 1,970.00
Reference: EUIPO-APP-386311

You can buy **Bitcoin** through various platforms such as **PayPal**, **Coinbase**, or **Binance**, or through other sources to purchase Bitcoin and pay your invoice securely.

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正在传播的欺诈邮件

诈骗手段详情

欺诈邮件通过冒用 EUIPO 领导层名义伪装真实性，诱导收件人为商标或设计相关服务支付加密货币。EUIPO 严正声明，其从未通过电子邮件（尤其是以比特币等加密货币形式）索取费用，并呼吁公众提高警惕。

重要用户建议

为防范此类诈骗，EUIPO 提出以下关键措施：

1. **切勿互动：**不要回复可疑邮件，勿点击链接或下载附件。
2. **立即举报：**将可疑邮件转发至 CustomerCare@euiipo.europa.eu 供调查。

所有举报案例将根据协议移交欧洲刑警组织（Europol）采取法律行动。

3. 核实付款要求：EUIPO 明确表示，不会通过邮件或信函发送商标/设计注册或续展的发票或付款通知——即使邮件包含其官方标识。

4. 参考反诈指南：查阅 EUIPO 与欧洲刑警组织联合发布的《[处理误导性付款请求程序手册](#)》，获取识别诈骗和保护知识产权的实用建议。

5. 使用安全渠道：注册 EUIPO 官方用户专区，通过该安全平台以信用卡、银行转账或 EUIPO 账户支付费用并接收通知。[[立即注册](#)]。

强化防范意识是关键

尽管 EUIPO 将持续采取法律手段打击欺诈，但其强调“用户警惕性是最强防线”。该机构表示：“请务必仔细核查所有与商标或设计申请相关的未授权付款请求。若存疑，请暂停操作，直接联系我们核实，并举报可疑行为。”

EUIPO Issues Urgent Alert on Fraudulent Emails Impersonating Officials

The European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) has issued an urgent warning to users and trademark rights holders regarding a surge in fraudulent emails falsely claiming to originate from its executives. These deceptive communications, fraudulently signed by individuals posing as the EUIPO Executive Director and Director of Finance, demand payment of a fictitious "registration fee" in Bitcoin.

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Fraudulent emails currently in circulation

Key Details of the Scam

The fraudulent emails explicitly reference EUIPO leadership to appear legitimate but direct recipients to transfer cryptocurrency for trademark or design-related services. The EUIPO emphasizes that **it does not solicit payments via email, particularly in Bitcoin or other cryptocurrencies**, and urges vigilance.

Critical Recommendations for Users

To protect against this scam and similar threats, the EUIPO advises the following actions:

1. **Do not engage:** Refrain from replying to suspicious emails, clicking embedded links, or downloading attachments.
2. **Report immediately:** Forward suspected fraudulent communications to the EUIPO at CustomerCare@euipo.europa.eu for investigation. Reported cases will be shared with Europol for legal action under existing agreements.
3. **Verify payment requests:** The EUIPO confirms it **never sends invoices or payment demands** via email or post for trademark/design registrations or renewals—even if communications bear its logo.
4. **Consult Europol's guidelines:** Review the newly published [*Procedure Manual on Handling Misleading Payment Requests*](#), co-developed by Europol and the EUIPO, to identify scams and safeguard intellectual property rights.
5. **Use secure channels:** Register for the EUIPO's **User Area**, a protected platform for official fee payments (via credit card, bank transfer, or EUIPO account) and secure communication. [[Sign up here](#)].

Strengthening Defenses Through Awareness

While the EUIPO pursues legal measures to combat fraud, it stresses that user awareness remains the strongest defense. "Always scrutinize unsolicited payment requests related to trademarks or designs," the Office stated. "When in doubt, pause, verify directly with us, and report suspicious activity."